

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

MICHAEL DENTON,

Plaintiff,

V.

PASTOR, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:16-CV-05314-RJB-DWC

ORDER

The District Court has referred this action, filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983, to United States Magistrate Judge David W. Christel. Plaintiff Michael Denton has filed a “Motion to Set Settlement Scheduling Order for Both Parties to Meet.” Dkt. 129.¹ Plaintiff requests the Court schedule a meeting for the parties to engage in settlement discussions. *Id.* Plaintiff does not request the Court refer this matter to a settlement judge. *See id.* Defendants filed a Response stating they do not wish for the Court to be involved in setting a meeting for the parties to

¹ Also pending in this action are Plaintiff's and Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment, which will be addressed by the Court in a separately filed Report and Recommendation.

1 discuss settlement options. Dkt. 132. Further, Defendants' counsel states the parties can negotiate
2 any settlement offers through written communication. *Id.*

3 After review of the relevant record, the Court finds Plaintiff has not shown a face-to-face
4 meeting is necessary. If the parties wish to engage in settlement negotiations, written settlement
5 offers can be mailed between Plaintiff and Defendants' counsel. Moreover, the Court should not
6 be involved in settlement negotiations. Plaintiff's Motion (Dkt. 129) is denied. The parties are
7 instructed to refrain from filing any settlement offers with the Court.

8 Dated this 23rd day of October, 2017.

9
10 
11 David W. Christel
12 United States Magistrate Judge
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24